functions of the Government are vast and posts are required to be created/tenure extended as and when necessary.

Banks in rural areas

†*213. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total number of Public Sector Banks in the rural areas of the country has declined from 35,389 in 1993 to 32,394 in 2002;

(b) if not, the facts thereof; and

(c) the estimated decline in the number of branches of these banks during the above period, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) The number of branches of public sectors banks in rural areas as on 31.3.1993 was 33264. As on 31.3.2002 the number was 32512. A reclassification of areas both rural and urban, was undertaken in 1996 as per the 1991 census population figures, as a result of which there was reclassification of areas, both rural and urban. Consequently, the number of rural branches was revised from 35389 to 33264. State and Bank group-wise number of rural branches of scheduled commercial banks as on 31.3.1993 and 2002 is given in Statement enclosed.

Statement

State and Bank-Group wise number of Rural Branches/Offices of Scheduled Commercial Banks in India (as on March 31, 1993 and 2002)

State/U.Ts.	Bank Group	1993	2002
1	2	3	4
Andaman & Nicobar	SBI and Associates	12	13
	Nationalised Banks	4	4
Andhra Pradesh	SBI and Associates	543	560
	Nationalised Banks	898	904
	Regional Rural Banks	932	898
	Indian Pvt. Banks	67	73

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
Arunachal Pradesh	SBI and Associates	35	35
	Nationalised Banks	4	4
	Regional Rural Banks	17	17
Assam	SBI and Associates	113	113
	Nationalised Banks	381	361
	Regional Rural Banks	342	327
Bihar # (a)	SBI and Associates	278	280
	Nationalised Banks	976	960
	Regional Rural Banks	1270	1257
Chandigarh	SBI and Associates	4	4
	Nationalised Banks	5	5
Chhattisgarh *(b)	SBI and Associates	153	134
	Nationalised Banks	181	169
	Regional Rural Banks	432	403
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nationalised Banks	5	5
Daman & Diu	SBI and Associates	1	1
Delhi	SBI and Associates	28	28
	Nationalised Banks	33	30
	Indian Pvt. Banks	—	1
Goa	SBI and Associates	34	34
	Nationalised Banks	112	120
	Indian Pvt. Banks	1	1
Gujarat	SBI and Associates	293	309
	Nationalised Banks	924	892
	Regional Rural Banks	378	338
	Indian Pvt. Banks	—	5
Haryana	SBI and Associates	110	114
	Nationalised Banks	370	328
	Regional Rural Banks	257	258
	Indian Pvt. Banks	1	3

1	2	3	4
Himachal Pradesh	SBI and Associates	183	187
	Nationalised Banks	344	344
	Regional Rural Banks	125	126
Jammu & Kashmir	SBI and Associates	80	80
	Nationalised Banks	44	39
	Regional Rural Banks	252	242
	Indian Pvt. Banks	202	222
Jharkhand *(a)	SBI and Associates	240	240
	Nationalised Banks	390	390
	Regional Rural Banks	357	352
Karnataka	SBI and Associates	301	303
	Nationalised Banks	849	856
	Regional Rural Banks	947	895
	Indian Pvt. Banks	139	141
Kerala	SBI and Associates	68	70
	Nationalised Banks	81	85
	Regional Rural Banks	65	71
	Indian Pvt. Banks	126	127
Lakshadweep	Nationalised Banks	8	9
Madhya Pradesh .# (b)	SBI and Associates	340	331
	Nationalised Banks	771	738
	Regional Rural Banks	912	852
Maharashtra	SBI and Associates	342	340
	Nationalised Banks	1364	1353
	Regional Rural Banks	491	480
	Indian Pvt. Banks	144	130
Manipur	SBI and Associates	11	11
	Nationalised Banks	18	9
Manipur	Regional Rural Banks	21	21
Meghalaya	SBI and Associates	66	67
	Nationalised Banks	17	17
	Regional Rural Banks	46	46

1	2	3	4
Mizoram	SBI and Associates	16	16
	Regional Rural Banks	45	45
Nagaland	SBI and Associates	30	30
	Nationalised Banks	4	3
	Regional Rural Banks	4	4
Orissa	SBI and Associates	309	312
	Nationalised Banks	551	535
	Regional Rural Banks	765	767
Pondicherry	SBI and Associates	3	3
	Nationalised Banks	20	17
Punjab	SBI and Associates	235	247
	Nationalisede Banks	733	692
	Regional Rural Banks	182	179
	Indian Pvt. Banks	2	—
Rajasthan	SBI and Associates	361	365
	Nationalised Banks	591	544
	Regional Rural Banks	911	867
	Indian Pvt. Banks	106	105
Sikkim	SBI and Associates	22	23
	Nationalised Banks	10	13
Tamil Nadu	SBI and Associates	228	228
	Nationalised Banks	1113	1096
	Regional Rural Banks	161	152
	Indian Pvt. Banks	400	303
Tripura	SBI and Associates	17	17
	Nationalised Banks	32	32
	Regional Rural Banks	75	71
Uttar Pradesh # (c)	SBI and Associates	463	470
	Nationalised Banks	1936	1891
	Regional Rural Banks	2560	2507
	Indian Pvt. Banks	24	15
Uttaranchal * (c)	SBI and Associates	202	202

1	2	3	4
	Nationalised Banks	154	151
	Regional Rural Banks	163	157
	Indian Pvt. Ltd.	16	16
West Bengal	SBI and Associates	344	346
	Nationalised Banks	1188	1175
	Regional Rural Banks	750	754
ALL INDIA TOTAL:		33264	32512

SOURCE: Master Office File (latest updated version) On Commercial Banks

NOTE 1: Data are Revised.

2: Bank-Branch Data include Administrative Offices.

3: Population Group Classification is based on 1991 Census Data.

: These are newly created states, carved out of their respective parent states (#) in the year 2000. These states exist only in 2002. For comparison purpose, the same branches have been shown in 1993 also for that state.

Threat to aircrafts by hoax calls

*214. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleassed to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of hoax calls posing threat to aircrafts has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of hoax calls received during this year; and

(c) the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As against 45 bomb threat calls to aircraft during the year 2001, only 30 bomb threat calls have been received during the year 2002, till November, 2002.